



Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2009

Summary

Epidemiology Work Group Members in Attendance (11):

Steve Gendler (Arizona Department of Public Safety)
David Choate, proxy for Charles Katz (Arizona State University)
Wendy Wolfersteig (Arizona State University)
Katherine Guffey (Arizona Department of Economic Security)—via conference call
Michelle Anderson (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)—via conference call
Meena Shahi (Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board, First Things First)
Richard Porter (Arizona Department of Health Services)
Catherine Osborn (Arizona Department of Education)
Phillip Stevenson, Chair (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)
Alf Olson, proxy for Michael Dolny (Arizona Department of Corrections)
Jody Sekerak (Indian Health Services)—via conference call

Epidemiology Work Group Members Absent (5)

Amy Stuart (Administrative Office of the Courts)
James Cunningham (University of Arizona)
Gowri Shetty (Arizona Department of Health Services)
Dennis Embry (Paxis Institute, Inc.)
Zeenat Mahal (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)

Governor's Office Staff (1)

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP)

Public (3):

Ric Wood (Pima Prevention Partnership)—via conference call
Jean Ajamie (Arizona Department of Education)
Emma Kibisu (Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services)

Call to Order was made by Phillip Stevenson at 1:05 p.m. after noting that a quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions

Phillip Stevenson asked the attendees and guests present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Stevenson referred attendees to the April 2009 meeting minutes and asked attendees to review them for any errors. David Choate noted one minor typo. Steve Gendler motioned to approve the minutes with the noted correction; Wendy Wolfersteig seconded. Motion passed with no objections.



Announcements

- Mr. Stevenson called for announcements.
 - Meena Shahi reminded attendees that Requests for Grant Applications (RFGAs) can be found on the First Things First website.

AZ Safe Project

- Jean Ajamie presented on the Arizona Safety Accountability for Education (Az SAFE) Project, "...an initiative to improve the collection, use, and reporting of safety and discipline incident data" (more information, including the Implementation Manual, is available at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/sa/health/AZSafeImplementManual.asp>).

Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) Recovery Grant Update

- Wendy Wolfersteig reported on the proposal being written by the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) for Recovery Act (ARRA) monies available to National Institutes of Health (NIH) Centers of Excellence.
 - The grant would fund a collaborative effort between SIRC, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC), the Governor's Office for Children Youth, and Families (GOCYF), and the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP).
 - Titled "Examining the influence of contextual influences on ethnic minority youth's substance use in Arizona," if awarded, the ARRA-funded work would add to current research studies funded by SIRC's NIH P20 grant for its Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities.
 - The proposed collaborative supplemental grant uses the 2008 Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) data and the eco-developmental model to examine factors influencing youth substance use and translate, report and disseminate findings on Native American, Hispanic, and African-American youth to community-based health organizations, the general public, health-related governmental agencies and the scientific community.
 - The proposal should be ready for review later this week, and a meeting will be held to further discuss the proposal before it is submitted.

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Update

- David Choate updated the group on the progress of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee, including the School Resource Officer (SRO) Canary Survey, Life Path Project and the Prescription Drug Abuse Spotlight Report:
 - The SRO Canary Survey instrument has been completed and questionnaires have been completed by SROs. A letter from the Governor's Office will be sent with surveys to police departments that have not responded thus far or that have specifically requested a letter from the Governor's Office.
 - The narrative for the Life Path Project is being edited based upon feedback from the Emerging Issues Subcommittee group members.
 - The Prescription Drug Abuse Spotlight Report is available on the Governor's Office website and will be sent out to ASAP members and subcommittee members.
 - The next Spotlight Report will focus on Co-Occurring Disorders and a future report may focus on heroin.



Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) Update

- Phillip Stevenson updated the group on the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership, noting that it has not met since the last meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group meeting.
 - ASAP will meet on June 3, 2009 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Executive Tower at 1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ 85007.
 - Mr. Stevenson reminded the group members that ASAP meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.
 - Mr. Stevenson indicated that he will update the group in June regarding the June ASAP meeting.

2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile and Arizona Health Survey Update

- Jeanne Blackburn updated the group on the status of the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*, the Arizona Health Survey (AHS) and the Partnerships for Success (PFS) grant application.
 - Data are still being gathered for the Profile.
 - Ms. Blackburn met with members of the Saint Luke's Health Survey (SLHI) and First Things First (FTF) to discuss the addition of adult substance abuse prevalence questions to the survey and the sampling methodology to be employed.
 - The Partnerships for Success (PFS) grant proposal is being completed and edited to be submitted to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) on 05/22/09.

Call to Public

Call to the public was made, with no comments from the guests in attendance.

Adjourn at 2:55 p.m. with a reminder that the next meeting will be held on June 17, 2009 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission building at 1110 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP).